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Today's Weather

It will be relatively warm with northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba Gulf, the winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight		Daytime	
	Low	High	Low	High
Amman	16	33	23	39
Aqaba	23	39	18	35
Deserts	18	35	22	39
Jordan Valley	22	39		

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 31. Aqaba 37. Sunset tonight: 6:43 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:28 a.m.

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Israelis attack Iraqi atomic plant

EL-AVIV, June 8 (Agencies) — Israeli warplanes struck more than 1,000 kilometres from home yesterday to attack a French-built nuclear reactor near Baghdad which the Israeli government said was a mortal danger to the people of Israel.

Neither Israel nor Iraq announced the stunning operation until this afternoon. Israel's announcement shocked Israelis, who had been absorbed with Israel's five-week confrontation with Syria over Syrian anti-aircraft sites in Lebanon.

The ruling Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, in a statement issued by the official Iraqi News Agency more than two hours after Israel's announcement, accused Israel of collaborating with the attack. Iran and Iraq have been at war for more than 10 months.

Line jets carried out the attack at 3:37 p.m. yesterday, the Iraqi announcement said. "The Zionist enemy raided Iraq's nuclear installations," it said.

The Iraqi announcement did not specify the extent of damage from the raid.

The RCC statement said: "The enemies will not be able to weaken our power to make progress, whether in the technical, scientific, social or economic fields.

"The men who were able through their loyalty to their people and nation, through their belief in their cause and through their efforts, to enable Iraq to make technological progress at such a level that aroused the enemy's hatred and aggression, are capable of continuing to follow this course."

Iraq tonight requested an emergency session of Arab League foreign ministers to discuss yesterday's raid, INA reported.

Kuwait issued a call for "collective Arab action" to prevent further Israeli attacks.

The statement by State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Aziz Hussein said Iraq had his nation's "complete support."

"The attack is another proof of the acts of terrorism practiced by Israel in the region," said Mr. Hussein.

"Kuwait supports Iraq in these circumstances and calls for collective Arab action to prevent any further Israeli aggression," he said.

Israel said the attack was successful: "The reactor was destroyed and all our aircraft returned safely to base," today's government statement declared.

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Prime Minister Mudar Badran briefs the NCC Monday on the Israeli raid.

News of attack sends price of gold soaring: Details on page 6

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U.S., Egypt denounce raid

WASHINGTON, June 8 (Agencies) — Both of Israel's Camp David partners today strongly condemned the Israeli attack yesterday on an Iraqi nuclear plant near Baghdad.

The U.S. State Department said the air strike threatened to heighten serious tensions in the Middle East, while Egyptian television broke into its regular programming to broadcast an official condemnation of the attack.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said Israel used American military equipment yesterday in its attack on the nuclear installation near Baghdad, in "possible violation" of the terms under which it was given to Israel.

Mr. Fischer said a report on the incident is being prepared for submission to Congress in accordance with U.S. law. Israel is believed to have used American F-4 Phantom jet fighter-bombers in the raid.

The Foreign Military Sales Act restricts foreign recipients of American weapons to using them only for self-defence, a provision which is in legal dispute.

Said Mr. Fischer: "The United States government condemns the reported Israeli air strike on the Iraqi nuclear facility, the unprecedented character of which cannot but seriously add to the already tense situation in the area."

The spokesman was asked whether the United States disagrees with Israel's judgment that the Iraqi facility was a potential security threat to Israel.

Mr. Fischer replied that Iraq is a signatory to the Nuclear non-proliferation treaty and has undertaken to accept the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"We have had no evidence that Iraq has violated its commitments under the treaty," Mr. Fischer said.

"But the United States is concerned that the availability of highly enriched uranium and the acquisition of sensitive nuclear facilities can increase the risk of nuclear proliferation, particularly in sensitive and volatile areas like the Middle East."

Mr. Fischer said Israel did not inform the United States of the attack until after it took place.

Mr. Fischer said the United States has no first-hand details of the attack or of the overall damage, including radiation, but is ready to respond to any requests for help in monitoring the extent of any nuclear effects and to deal with other problems.

Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker and Minority Leader Robert Byrd told reporters that Secretary of State Alexander Haig had called them last night to inform them of the Israeli air strike.

Mr. Baker said of the raid: "It has extraordinary implications and was totally unexpected."

It would complicate the coming Senate debate over the Reagan administration's plan to upgrade F-15 jets that Saudi Arabia had bought from the United States, he said.

Mr. Byrd said Mr. Haig told him that no Soviet technicians were killed in the raid but it was not clear if other foreigners were.

In Cairo, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali described the raid as "grave, irresponsible and unjustified."

He told reporters that Egypt considered the Israeli attack a serious development in the explosive Middle East crisis.

Only four days ago Egyptian President Anwar Sadat met Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and urged him to do nothing to inflame Middle East tensions.

Western diplomats said the bombing would be embarrassing for Mr. Sadat who has been strongly attacked by other Arab states for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

King condemns attack

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein today spoke by telephone with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, inquiring about the consequences of the Israeli air raid on Iraq's nuclear installations.

King Hussein expressed his deep regret for the raid and condemned it as a treacherous aggression. He also reiterated Jordan's full support for Iraq in its border war with Israel.

King Hussein said he had drawn one conclusion: there is no room for any Arab to stall or procrastinate or hesitate in offering support to Iraq in its struggle against Israel.

Any one not supporting Iraq is siding with Israel and those who support Israel in word or deed are practically supporting the Zionist enemy, King Hussein said.

He added that no sensible person can accept any argument that separates the Israel and Israeli aggressions from one another.

The statement accused Iraq of aiming to produce bombs "of Hiroshima size" and went on: "Thus a mortal danger to the people of Israel arose."

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has said his country intends to use nuclear power only for agricultural and industrial development.

France has also vigorously denied criticism that it supply of equipment and uranium for Iraq's reactor could help Baghdad produce an atomic bomb.

Israel has consistently denied reports that it has manufactured atomic weapons itself, but many Western officials believe Israel has the know-how to make a bomb even if it has not actually produced one.

Israel learned from "most reliable sources" that the reactor could be operational either in July or September, today's Israeli announcement said, adding that the government decided not to wait until the reactor had its load of radioactive fuel to wipe the installation out.

"Such an attack would have brought about a massive radioactive fallout over the city of Baghdad and tens of thousands of innocent residents would have been hurt," it said.

The statement said the attack was planned on Sunday "on the assumption that the 100-150 foreign experts employed at the reactor would be absent on the Christian day of rest. This assumption proved to be correct. No foreign experts were hurt."

France, which has 300 scientists and technicians working on the reactor, reported it had no information about casualties.

French nuclear physicists and technicians returned to the project late in April after a six-month absence due to the Iraq-Iran war.

The reactor was bombed last Sept. 30 by two Phantom jets bearing Iranian markings and most of the French staff were evacuated.

3 African states agree on anti-subversion goal

KAMPALA, Uganda, June 8 (A.P.) — The presidents of Uganda, an and Zaire have pledged never to allow their territory to be used for subversive activities against each other, Radio Uganda reported today.

The presidents, in a communique issued after a three-day summit in the capital of Kampala, also agreed to set up ministerial committees on security along their common borders, refugee problems and poaching and illicit trade.

Radio Uganda said President Milton Obote of Uganda, Jaafar Nimeiri of Sudan and Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire "have pledged themselves never to allow illegal or subversive activities against any of the three states to be carried out from another's territory."

The first meeting of the security committee will be held in Uganda next month because of the urgency of the problem, the broadcast said.

Over the past two months, guerrilla activity by anti-government groups believed to be remnants of ex-Ugandan dictator Idi Amin's defeated army has intensified in the west Nile region of western Uganda, which borders on Sudan and Zaire.

Ministerial committees will meet in August in Zaire and Sudan to discuss the problems of smuggling and refugees along the borders of the three countries.

Benjedid starts Soviet trip

MOSCOW, June 8 (A.P.) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid arrived here today on a two-day official visit and was greeted by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, the official Soviet news agency TASS said.

Premier Nikolai Tikhonov and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko were among the other Soviet officials in the welcoming party at Moscow airport, TASS said.

Mr. Benjedid's impending trip was announced only at the last minute, and reports from Algiers said the trip was preceded by a series of meetings involving Algerian parliamentary delegations, military groups and lower-ranking ministers and their Soviet counterparts.

Economic issues are likely to



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cribed as the third stage of a diplomatic effort that has taken him to the Middle East and a dozen African countries in the last year.

Pravda and Izvestia, the two leading Soviet newspapers, published Mr. Benjedid's picture and biography on the front pages today to publicise his arrival.

The reports said he was making an "official friendly visit" and expressed confidence that the talks "will serve the cause of further strengthening and developing traditional friendship and fruitful cooperation" between the countries.

The countries are linked by about 15 bilateral economic, cultural and scientific agreements and the Soviet Union is Algeria's main arms supplier.

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'I'll cut everybody's hands off!' Khomeini storms

TEHRAN, June 8 (R) — Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, in one of his most angry outbursts since toppling the Shah, today warned dissident politicians he would remove them from power if they continued to challenge Iran's Islamic authorities.

"Everyone should know that when I call for a danger towards the Islamic Republic and Islam, I will not sit back and advise, I'll cut everybody's hands off," the Ayatollah said, using a Persian saying for venging people from power.

A 51-year-old leader was speaking after sporadic shooting and a speech broadcast on television today following a ban on the prosecutor general on six newspapers, including one edited by President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr.

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Ayatollah Khomeini did not name any politicians, but political observers said the chief target appeared to be Mr. Bani-Sadr.

Eyewitnesses reported fighting between supporters of the president and Islamic fundamentalists near the Tehran bazaar, which was partially closed, and the Turkish and British embassies.

They said revolutionary guards fired warning shots and tear gas grenades to disperse groups of demonstrators shouting support for Iran's embattled president. There were no reports of casualties.

Despite the ban on his afternoon newspaper, Islamic Revolution, the president's supporters hurriedly circulated free copies of a four-page tabloid, called the "Message of the President."

Its front page carried the full text of a speech made by Mr. Bani-Sadr yesterday in the western city of Hamadan.

It said, in part: "In this moment there is no other way to save the country but to resist..."

"The whole of Iran must resist this strong inclination towards dictatorship," he said, adding that the clergy-dominated authorities tried to impose a system of suppression.

"They are opening files and banning newspapers," he said.

In his reply Ayatollah Khomeini reversed the argument and indirectly accused the president of imposing a dictatorship on Iran.

"If a group shows itself in contradiction with the law, this is dictatorship in disobedience of the Majlis, the judicial power..." Ayatollah Khomeini said.

The country was in need of internal calm while it was fighting a war

against Iraq, he added.

He called on Iran's revolutionary guards and other security forces to arrest anyone who created disturbances and warned merchants in Tehran's bazaar not to listen to the voice of deviation.

"The closure of the bazaar, demonstrations and deviationist speeches are against the interests of Islam and the interests of... God," he said, adding that any protest demonstrations without government permission would be prevented.

The Ayatollah ended his speech with a conciliatory gesture: "Come back to the law, come back to the Koran. Do not cause (differences) that will isolate you. I like most of you and I want you to act in accordance with law."

Earlier today, Iran's chief government spokesman, Mr. Behzad Nabavi, told a news conference there was still time to repair the strained relationship between Mr. Bani-Sadr and the government.

Mr. Nabavi said the government has repeatedly invited the president to attend regular cabinet meetings.

"It is the wish of all members of the cabinet to have meetings with the president and we believe that 90 per cent of our disagreements could be settled," Mr. Nabavi said.

But he also said that the government, though not imposing the ban on the president's newspaper, agreed with the action of the prosecutor-general.

Islamic Revolution, the liberal daily Mizan and four other publications were banned pending an investigation.

It isn't the first time, Badran tells NCC

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran told the National Consultative Council (NCC) today that Israel has attacked vital Iraqi targets in collaboration with Iran.

Israel has clearly exploited Iraq's involvement in a war with Iran to launch this attack, he said.

It is most regrettable to say that had it not been for U.S.-made sophisticated long-range aircraft, Israel would not have been able to cause this tragedy to the Arab Nation, Mr. Badran said.

This is not the first time Israel has sent its warplanes to attack Iraqi targets, he added. Any party that supports or finances Iran's war against Iraq is regarded by Jordan as one which supports and assists Israel's aggression against the Arab Nation, the prime minister said.

He said Jordan, which fully supports Iraq in its legitimate endeavours to regain its rights, sincerely wishes that the Gulf war will soon come to an end. Jordan hopes that Iran will respond favourably to the Islamic World's appeals, Mr. Badran said, and negotiate with Iraq a just and peaceful solution of the current dispute. This war should not continue since it offers Israel the opportunity to achieve more gains, Mr. Badran said.

In his speech to the NCC the prime minister also discussed His Majesty King Hussein's recent visit to the Soviet Union and his tour of Arab Gulf states which preceded that visit.

The major topics discussed by King Hussein with the Gulf leaders centred on Israel's threats and acts of aggression against the Arab states, including Lebanon, and the Palestinian resistance, as well as the continuous friction between the Zionist enemy and Syria over the Lebanese missile crisis and the Iraq-Iranian war, Mr. Badran said.

In his talks, the prime minister added, King Hussein stressed the importance of maintaining Arab solidarity which he said will foil Israel's designs directed against the Arab Nation. Mr. Badran described the King's tour as fruitful.

King Hussein's Soviet visit also was very successful, Mr. Badran said, coming at a critical time in Middle East history when Israel is continuing its attacks on Lebanon in the absence of a just and comprehensive peace, with the United States insisting on supporting the Camp David agreements.

During the visit King Hussein exchanged views with Soviet leaders about Middle East developments and the Zionist aggression and its effects on world stability and peace.

The two sides also discussed the best means of achieving peace in the region that would guarantee the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to an independent state in their homeland.

Jordan has supported the Soviet Union's call for convening an international conference on the Middle East in which all concerned parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation, would take part. Such a conference is the best means of working out a just collective peace settlement, Mr. Badran said.

King Hussein's Soviet visit, Mr. Badran said, also helped to promote bilateral cooperation in various fields.

Lebanese peace talks reported near accord

BEIRUT, Lebanon, June 8 (Agencies) — Arab mediators were reported near agreement today on a comprehensive ceasefire plan as U.S. presidential troubleshooter Philip Habib headed for a new Middle East shuttle to avert a Syrian-Israeli military showdown.

But Israel's announcement that its air force has destroyed Iraq's nuclear reactor near Baghdad is expected to heat up the already tense atmosphere in the Middle East.

Lebanese government sources said the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Syria and Kuwait were putting the final touches on a ceasefire plan in a final round of talks here with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan.

The agreement, if completed, would end fighting between rightist militiamen and Syria's peace-keeping force, stationed in Lebanon under an Arab League mandate to uphold a civil war armistice. Fighting erupted April 1 and generated the missile crisis between Syria and Israel.

The sources said a statement was expected to be released by the conferees in the wake of the afternoon session, the third in two days the visiting ministers and Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi held with the Lebanese leaders at this summer resort town 30 kilometres southeast of Beirut.

Observers here believe a stand-down in Lebanon would improve Mr. Habib's chances to resolve the crisis that developed over Syria's deployment of Soviet-made SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley six weeks ago.

Mr. Habib left Paris today to an unknown Middle East destination. Arab radio stations said he was heading for Saudi Arabia but this could not be immediately confirmed.

A de facto ceasefire was in force throughout Lebanon today as the Arab League mediators met.

State-run Beirut radio reported that the main crossing point between East and West Beirut, frequently closed in the past two months by sniper fire, was congested by traffic.

And several newspapers carried pictures of crowded beaches as people returned to the shores, where about 20 people were killed by shelling eight days ago.

Beirut Radio said some members of the Arab League committee would hold a second meeting with rightist militia commander Beshir Gemayel later today.

The ministers today visited the mountain stronghold of leftist leader Walid Junblat as part of further contacts with factional chiefs.

Khaled lands today in Britain

LONDON, June 8 (A.P.) — King Khaled of Saudi Arabia arrives here tomorrow for a four-day state visit during which Britain will be seeking a better share of lucrative Saudi defence contracts.

Both Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher have been meticulously briefed about the 68-year-old king's likes and dislikes. The queen has ordered that no alcohol or wine be served at the state banquet she will give at Buckingham Palace tomorrow night, and Mrs. Thatcher has arranged the postponement of a television screening of "The Pirate," a steamy portrayal by author Harold Robbins of love and life in the deserts of the Middle East.

Once before Saudi rulers made known their anger at a British television programme entitled "Death of a Princess," a documentary-style drama based on the execution of a Saudi princess for adultery.

British leaders and exporters are hungering for a big stake in Saudi Arabia's arms programme, this year estimated to run to around \$50 billion for weapons, training and services, as well as construction of new installations for Saudi Arabia's 50,000-strong armed forces and National Guard.



King Khaled

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NATIONAL

King receives Al Sibsi

Jordan, Tunisia sign pact for cooperation



His Majesty King Hussein receives visiting Tunisian Foreign Minister Al Bajji Qaid Al Sibsi at the royal court Monday.

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at the royal court today visiting Tunisian foreign minister Al Bajji Qaid Al Sibsi who conveyed to His Majesty an oral message from Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba.

The message dealt with current Arab affairs and Jordanian-Tunisian relations. The audience was attended by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem.

Meanwhile, three agreements for promoting Jordanian-Tunisian cooperation in cultural, trade, economic and technical fields were signed in Amman today.

The agreements were signed for Jordan by foreign minister Marwan Al Qasem and for Tunisia by Tunisian foreign minister Al Bajji Qaid Al Sibsi.

The cultural agreement provides for the exchange of experts and delegations from both countries to study ways of unifying school curricula and terminology.

It also provides for granting scholarships in Jordan and Tunisia for students of both countries for higher education, the exchange of teachers, sports and scout delegations, folk-dance and music troupes, as well as radio and television programmes.

Under the trade agreement, the two countries pledge to increase the volume of trade between them including the import and export of agricultural and industrial products.

The technical and economic agreement aims at organising the exchange of expertise in economic and technical fields to serve the best interest of the Tunisian and Jordanian people.

Mr. Sibsi also visited today the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and met with its director Albert Butros and other officials. He was briefed on the RSS programmes and projects.



The President of the National Planning Council (NPC), Mr. Hanna Odeh (centre), and the Greek ambassador in Jordan, Mr. Constantin Eliopoulos (left), sign a two-year programme for cultural cooperation at the NPC Monday.

Greece and Jordan start cultural exchange

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — Jordan and Greece today signed a programme for cultural cooperation for the next two years to implement an agreement they signed in 1976.

The programme was signed at the National Planning Council (NPC) for Jordan by NPC president Hanna Odeh and for the Greece by its ambassador here Constantin Eliopoulos.

The programme provides for visits to and from by Jordanian and Greek specialists in education, vocational and technical

studies, university lecturers plus encouraging direct cooperation between Jordanian and Greek universities.

Under the programme Greece will also offer 14 scholarships through Jordan's Ministry of Education to Jordanian students to study in Greek universities.

The programme further provides for visits by archaeological experts, for the restoration and maintenance of archaeological sites, the exchange of sports delegations, technical and art exhibitions and TV programmes, documentaries and publications.

British mission briefed on Jordan's potential

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — The visiting ten-member British commercial mission conferred here today with Under Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Trade Muhammad Saleh Al Horani.

Mr. Horani briefed the British mission on Jordan's facilities aimed at encouraging foreign investments in the country, and pointed out the political and social stability which it enjoys and the

effects of its geographical location on trade with other nations in the region.

The British mission was also acquainted with the opportunities open to British investors via the Jordanian free economic zones. A ministry spokesman said the two sides also explored the prospects for Anglo-Jordanian joint economic ventures.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — The visiting Director of the Regional Office of U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Mr. Salah Juma, held talks here today with Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin on the Ministry of Agriculture's activities and projects included in the new national five-year economic plan. Mr. Juma's stated that his delegation arrived in Jordan in order to make assessments of the country's economic projects and offer aid to assist in the implementation of these projects, particularly those related to rural development.

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — A delegation from the general secretariat of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) left today for Algeria to take part in a three-day conference of the Arab Union for Iron and Steel which opens in Algiers today. Attending the meeting are delegations representing Arab iron and steel producers, private importers of iron and steel, specialised Arab corporations, in addition to the Ministry of Commerce and Economics in Algeria. The participants will discuss ways to exchange information and expertise to promote Arab cooperation in the import and export of iron and steel. The general secretariat will submit a working paper about the role of the union in developing iron and steel production.

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — The University of Jordan will take part in a three-day conference of the Arab educationalists union which starts in Baghdad tomorrow. The conference will discuss affairs related to Arab education. Representing the university in the conference is Dr. Ahmad Abu Hula of the faculty of education who will submit a research paper on ways to develop a theory for Arab education.

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — Under Secretary of the Ministry of Public Works Akram Al Sunna' left for Baghdad today for a visit expected to last several days. During the visit, Mr. Sunna' will hold talks with Iraqi officials on means of strengthening cooperation between Jordan and Iraq in the field of public construction work.

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — 20 Jordanian chantis, including three greengrocers, sentenced by the military court to pay JD 400 for violating Ministry of Supply regulations. military governor today endorsed the

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — Secretary of the Ministry of Education Thihni Hal announced today that the results of the secondary certificate examinations (Tawjihi) announced on July 20. Some 2,000 teachers signed by the Ministry of Education to mark students' examination papers started today. They are conducting the work in 29 assigned by the ministry in Amman and 14 teachers will be marking the papers of 37,000 students in the coming ten days.

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — Three members of the municipal council of Miswaggar have received court sentences, one for embezzlement the other two for neglect of duty. Council Yunis Salameh Abu Ghalyoun has been sentenced for two and a half years in prison, labour and a fine of JD 18,000 for taking embezzlement Mayor Fihani Al Khreik been sentenced to pay a JD 50 fine and Secretary Navel Salim Al Khreik to two months in prison, both for neglect

AMMAN, June 8 (Petra) — A week-long on public safety for the supervisors of 1 1st and directorates organised by the Civil Defence Directorate ended today. In the seminar was acting Civil Defence Brig. Muhammad Al Kasawneh. He said using risks is the duty of citizens as we directorate's. A participant delivered a thanks for the directorate on behalf of the. The participants recommended forming a society of civil defence, forming a follow-up committee for safety procedures in directorate holding refresher courses for the future. 40 participants attended lecture, safety procedures which they must follow were also acquainted with fire-fighting eq and methods.

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Mr. R.D. Clark of Ruberoid is giving a lecture on Waterproofing.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- * Painting exhibition by Iraqi artist Hasid Hasan. Opening p.m., at the Holiday Inn hotel in Amman.
- * Painting exhibition by Omar Hamdan and Ayyad Al Ne Alia Art Gallery in Shmeisani.

The Age of Shakespeare exhibition, at the Alcazar F-Aqaba.

Display

- * A display of project work by the final year students Department of Architecture of the University of Jordan display will take place at the British Council in Jabal Ar

Films

- * "Flying Doctors from East Africa" (1968), at the Goet titute in Jabal Amman (in German, with English sub-tit)
- * "As You Like It", at the Alcazar Hotel in Aqaba.

Lecture

- * "The Castle of Hallabat in the Light of Recent Excavation Dr. Ghazi Bisha, the Assistant Director for Restoration Department of Antiquities, at the ACOR.

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Local chess players to test skills against grand masters

By Suzanne Zamut-Black
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 8— Jordanian chess enthusiasts can test their skills this week against two of the game's world champions, during the First Jordanian Chess Festival to be held here from June 10-13.

The festival, the first of its kind in the Middle East, is supervised by the international chess organisation FIDE (Federation Internationale des Echecs) which has worldwide interest in the game

which along with Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, and Royal Bos Katis of Holland, is sponsoring the event. Fifty per cent of the proceeds go to the benefit of the blind in Jordan.

take part in simultaneous displays, lectures and grand matches.

During the simultaneous displays, each champion will take on twenty five opponents at twenty five separate boards at the same time. At the end of the display, all the players will receive a signed "chess certificate," with his or her name on it. Winners, and drawers too, will be awarded additional valuable prizes.

The festival will also feature two lectures by Prof. Euwe. In the first of these, he will probably analyse

needed the programming of chess for the computer.

The two champions will also play a two-round "grand match" against each other. Each round will be transmitted to the audience, move by move, on a giant demonstration board while an expert analyst will explain the move and comment on them.

The final item of the festival consists of a match between the two guest champions on one side and two players representing to the Royal Jordan Chess Club on

has been eager, ever since it was established in 1972, to promote the game in Jordan, especially among the young.

Prince Mohammad, himself a regular player, was the prime mover behind the establishment of the club and has given continuing moral and financial support. At present, the club has 50 members out of a register of at least 300. Each member pays a monthly fee of JD 2, students pay

only 250 fils.

The club started off with amateur standards, but soon adopted international rules and regulations. These include the use of chess clocks and notation, which entails recording the moves and the supervision of an arbiter. So far, 14 of the club's members have participated, as part of the Jordanian team, in international chess Olympiads.

Mr. Abdul Malek Arafat, vice

president of the club, indicated that the festival was keeping all members of the staff busy. These include Mr. Ahd Saqqa, secretary and activities manager; Mr. Hazem Al Mallah, treasurer; and Mr. Basil Dhawaher, public relations manager.



Machgielis Euwe was born in 1901 in Amsterdam, Holland. He received his doctorate in mathematics in 1923 from the University of Amsterdam and taught the subject in a lyceum for many years. During recent years he has worked as advisor in the electronics field. Dr. Euwe became chess champion of Holland at the age of 20, a title he still holds. In 1935, he became world champion in a match with Alexander Alekhine, a title he held for two years. He is internationally known as a chess theorist and analyst and is the author of more than 70 books on chess. In 1970 he was elected President of the World Chess Federation, and in 1978 he resigned this position and was awarded the title of Honorable President of FIDE, Federation Internationale des Echecs.



Jan Hein Donner was born in 1927 in Holland. He learnt the moves of chess on Aug. 22, 1941. In 1954 he won the Dutch championship, the first time Dr. Euwe had not won it in 33 years. In 1956 and 1958, he again finished ahead of Prof. Euwe to win the title. Apart from his individual success; and his spectacular win in the first round of the Beverwijk tournament in 1968, Mr. Donner has been a formidable member of the Dutch team at no less than ten Olympiads. At Varna 1962, when Holland finished eleventh, he beat the rising Bobby Fischer. His style owes much to its clear logic to the influence of Dr. Euwe.



is eager to promote chess in developing countries.

The festival is being held under the patronage of His Highness Prince Mohammad, president of the Royal Jordan Chess Club,

The festival, to be held at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel,

will host two of the world's chess champions: Prof. Machgielis Euwe and Mr. Jan Hein Donner. The two Dutch game masters will,

his great game against Alexander Alekhine in 1935, which won for Prof. Euwe the world championship.

The second lecture will be on "computer chess," a field in which Prof. Euwe pio-

the other. This match will also be transmitted to the entire audience.

Prizes given at the end of this match will bring the festival to a close.

The Royal Jordan Chess Club

Machine-age poses challenge for ceramics craft

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 12th in a series of articles about handicrafts in Jordan.

Text and photos
By Mohammad Ayish
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — "I began my work with ceramics in 1962, when I was a schoolmaster at Isama Ibn Mungith School in Hebron," says Mr. Abdul Rahim Tamimi, a well-known "self-made" ceramics craftsman in the Hebron area.

Unlike other craftsmen, who ally come to their vocations through apprenticeship and association with the "professionals", Tamimi said that it was through extensive reading on ceramics, as well as through continuous contacts with friends in business all over the country, it he came to grasp the principles of the craft.

"My interest in ceramics arose when I and other teachers at the school came upon an abandoned kiln inside the school compound," Tamimi said. "At that moment, I had not the least idea about craft; but as time went on, I managed to establish contact with ceramics workshop owned by men in Jerusalem," he said. Mr. Tamimi also told the Jordanians that the Armenian-owned ceramics plant provided him not only with knowledge, but with the raw materials on which he experimented at the school kiln jointly with the other teachers.

According to Mr. Tamimi, that experience helped him greatly in establishing himself as a ceramicist, particularly when he came back for foreign sources of raw materials. "I had a lot of correspondence with the Wemger company in Britain," he said. The company exported ceramics materials from Stoke-on-Trent, which was known for its rich reserves of clay," he said. And he added: "All that happened by chance."

As his business expanded, Mr. Tamimi began to look for ways to promote his business. He organised a ceramics exhibition at Al Hussein Ibn Ali School in Hebron in the academic year 1965-66, under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Education.

The minister of education at that time was so impressed by the exhibition that he ordered a spe-

cial building to be set up for ceramic work in Hebron, Mr. Tamimi recalled. But the building was not completed until after the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, which naturally hindered progress on the centre.

"The centre included two teachers and a janitor, as well as several students from neighbouring schools who used to take classes on ceramics twice a week for a one-and-a-half hours at a time," Mr. Tamimi said.

"But as the Israeli occupation authorities refused to support the centre, each of us opened his own business while maintaining ties with the centre," he continued. At present, Hebron contains 12 ceramics plants, the most at any one place in Jordan.

"We import our material either from intermediaries in the West Bank, or directly from foreign markets such as Italy, Germany and Holland," he said. But correspondence and book-reading is the only way of establishing contacts between craftsmen and foreign markets and companies, Mr. Tamimi noted. On the market situation in the country, Mr. Tamimi said the high quality of the imported clay, along with the inventiveness of ceramicists, have ushered a new era in the industry.

"We have introduced a printing element into our industry and we can print a photograph clearly and accurately on any ceramic item we make — a phenomenon still novel to most workers in the craft," he said.

According to Mr. Tamimi, the new invention can be used, for instance, by companies for promotion, or at occasions such as weddings, to invite friends. "A company could print its symbol on any item we sell, or a photo of a bride and a bridegroom could be

printed on ceramic plates and distributed to friends instead of the traditional methods currently used on such occasions," he said.

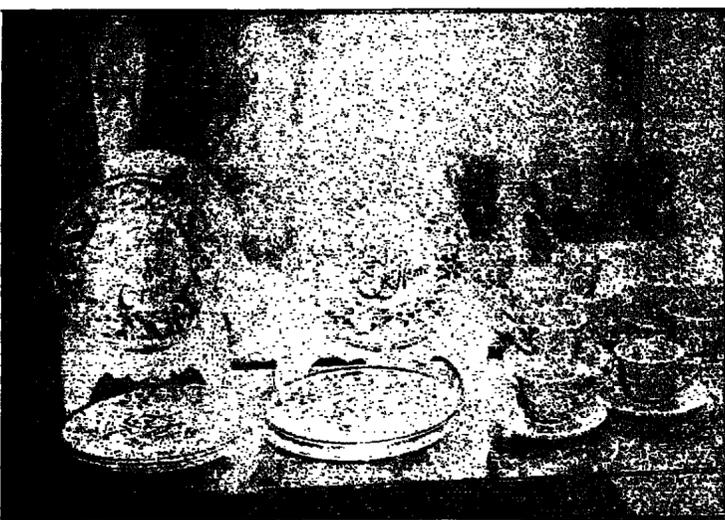
At his main plant in Hebron, known as "Hebron Pottery", Mr. Tamimi makes all kinds of plates, vases, cups and scores of assorted products. His customers include local residents as well as foreign tourists visiting the holy land. The brisk market for ceramic items and other crafts in Jerusalem, where the majority of the tourists come, he said.

On the present situation of ceramics industry in Jordan — whether in the West or the East Bank — Mr. Tamimi said the industry is developing, and he is satisfied with that progress. But he added that attention should be focused on quality rather than quantity.

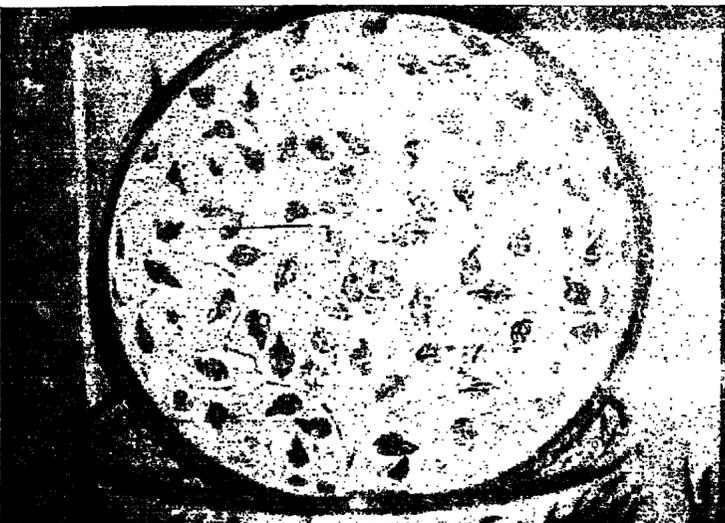
With the introduction of powered machines into the industry,



Mr. Tamimi, a self-made ceramics maker.



Writing on ceramic plates is a step forward, according to Mr. Tamimi.



Even drawings are laid on ceramic plates.

mass production has become a dominant feature. "At the beginning, our production was shabby, time-consuming and immature, which caused us to stumble into various frustrating pitfalls," he said. "But at least we were creative, in the sense that we used our hands for every single step of the work."

The ceramics industry faces some problems, and topping the list are those of finances. "The strained economic situation in the West Bank, and world-wide inflation, have caused a continuous fluctuation in market prices," Mr. Tamimi said. "One kilogramme of clay used to cost JD 3 some years ago; but now it costs JD 120, forty times the price," he said.

Mr. Tamimi said the ceramics industry needs long-term loans in order to continue at its current pace.

The competitive market is also a problem facing individual craftsmen, but Mr. Tamimi said that due to the huge capacity and absorptive power of the market, both domestic or foreign, this problem has been eased.

"We also face a problem of a different kind: complaints from customers that our items are not perfect," Mr. Tamimi said. But he defended ceramic wares against criticism by employees at the Jordan Handicrafts Development Centre Company. "Our customers, particularly the handicrafts centre, should understand that a minor scratch in a ceramic plate is inevitable," he said. When plates are loaded into a kiln at a temperature of thousands of degrees centigrade, "we keep them on tiny pins so that they will not touch the surface," he said. The tiny scar caused by the pin cannot be removed, and that's the way the business goes.

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Mr. Tamimi cited another problem of quantity being given more importance than quality. The ceramic craft was started in Jordan as a handicraft and not as a "machine craft"; therefore it should preserve its quality and touch of creativeness within certain limits, he said.

Employees of the Jordan Handicrafts Development Centre Company told the Jordan Times that the mass production of ceramics by machines in Jordan has been a setback for hand-made ceramic works. This development has caused many of the craftsmen working in ceramics to quit, due to the competition of by machine-made wares, they said. Today, no-one seems to know how many of these ceramics are left.



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Strangers in their own land, part IV

Why Arab intellectuals feel alienated, confused

By Kamel S. Abu Ja

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WEBSTER'S New Collegiate Dictionary (1980 p. 1141) defines a "stranger" as someone who is "Foreign, foreigner ... a resident-alien ... one in the house of another as a guest, visitor or intruder ... a person or thing that is unknown or with whom one is unacquainted ... one who does not belong ..."

In previous articles, I attempted to explain why Arab intellectuals, or a substantial number of them, feel or are made to feel, or behave as strangers. Surely part of the blame rests with the intellectuals themselves, whose supposed awareness should alert them to their situation so that they would behave accordingly.

The grandfather of any Arab intellectual alive, indeed in most cases the father of any contemporary Arab intellectual felt no such alienation or lack of belonging. His surroundings were familiar to him and his sources of knowledge were also comforting and well-trodden. Unlike his

son or grandson, his feet were on the firm ground of tradition, customs and well-respected ways.

His son's or grandson's sources of knowledge are unfamiliar at best. Alien sources make him feel doubly alien. For in his heart there is an amount of uncertainty varying from individual to individual. Add to this the fact that the knowledge sources themselves are often contradictory. If the source is "Marxian", he eventually finds it too dogmatic and assertive. If it is "Western", he finds it confusing, bewildering, too liberal leaving the choices up to him. Confusion cannot at once be avoided and his inner soul very often becomes an arena for conflicting choices, ideas and ideologies.

Thus if confusion marks our Arab society, it is a reflection, one reflection of the uncertainty of ourselves. The state, unfortunately has not been able to be of much help either. It, too, is as confused as our intellectuals -- its confusion often making it behave in an erratic manner.

The reader must have realised by now that this

analysis of our situation suffers from the prevailing confusion of our lives. Concerning what level are we talking? Is the alienation felt by our intellectuals any more than it is felt by our masses? Is our alienation on the political, social or economic level? Or is it in all these spheres of life at the same time? And finally, how can we make our intellectuals feel less alien? How can we make the spectator become actor? How can we make the newly-acquired knowledge take root in our lives and serve our purposes? What can be done to make modernity more relevant, less alien to our societies, so that we can truly face the challenges confronting us, instead of our present attitude of side-stepping them?

Our problems will not be solved by wishing them away. They will not go away if we ignore them. Regardless of how long we ignore these problems, they will remain. Some of them will even prosper and become bigger. Once we believed that if we thought Israel did not exist, it would surely disappear. It hasn't. It has become bigger and no Aladdin's lamp of magic ring will make it go away. Similarly, our internal challenges

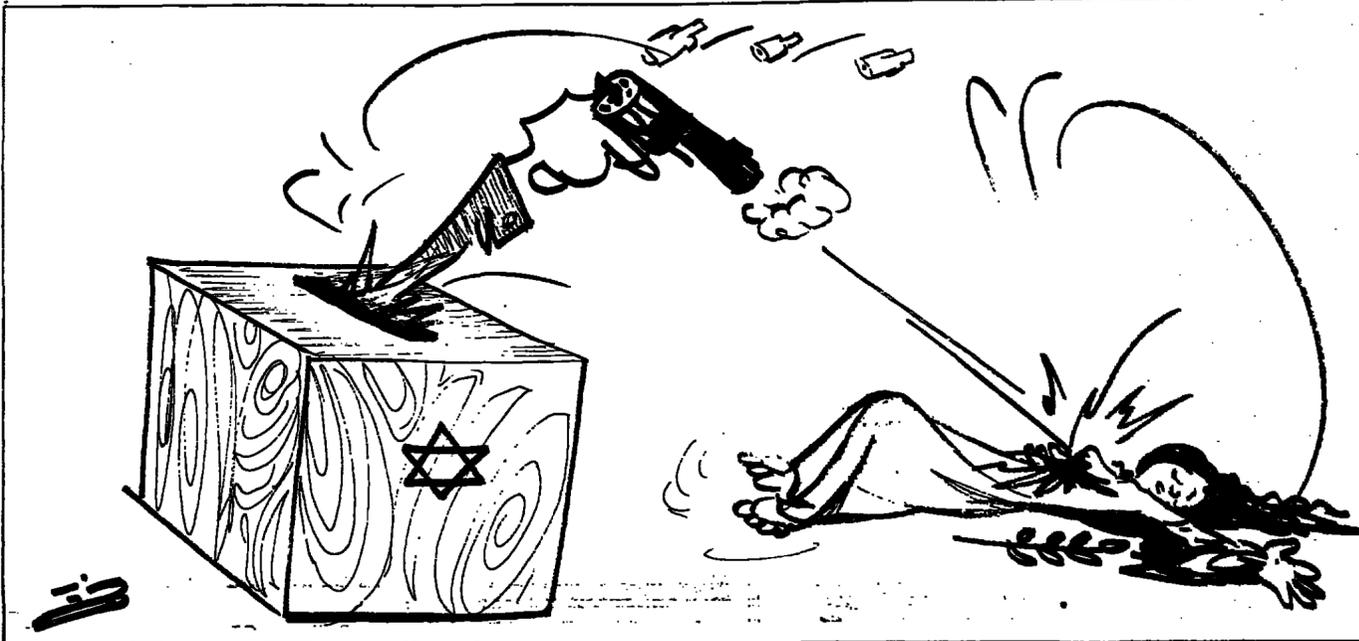
will remain, and in fact will become bigger. We must keep waltzing around them -- the way we have been doing for the past two, three, four or five decades?

Our plans must become relevant to the present and so must our research. We must begin to research ourselves, to research our own human beings with brains capable of tremendous. The proper atmosphere for a true evaluation of our political life should take place. Our social system, our life, is changing. Our very eyes, often in ways which we do not see, are being made, helpless to do anything about it. No, foreign experts will not do it for us. We must solve the problem. We must in the open our needs, our values, what is encouraged and what should be discouraged should be able to discuss, to consult, to be consulted. This has to be done in the light of our own history. Otherwise our intellectuals will continue to be strangers and our societies themselves will become more estranged from their past, the twentieth century and certainty of a future.

A matter of time...

ARAB LEAGUE Secretary General Chadli Klibi has revealed that the Arab League has formulated a series of contingency measures, economic in nature, to be imposed against the United States if it does not modify its blatantly pro-Israeli policies in the Middle East. But Mr. Klibi also stressed that "we are not eager to apply sanctions against the U.S. On the contrary, we are eager to communicate with the U.S. in order to move it to a more objective and even-handed position."

Students of the Arab World might not take any of this seriously, given the erratic history of collective Arab actions against external enemies. Indeed, many Arab states today find themselves in a difficult position of being traditional friends of the United States but also being badly disappointed by the drift of American policy in the Middle East. If the 1970s can be seen in retrospect as the decade of Arab moderation during which the Arab World came to the realisation that coexistence with Israel was possible on the basis of also creating a Palestinian state, the 1980s are already proving to be the decade of Arab frustration. The frustration of reasonable people intent on making an honourable peace will inevitably lead to less moderation, particularly in the face of popular pressure to strike back at the enemy -- and that enemy is being perceived more and more as the United States. This is the significance of Mr. Klibi's statements this week. The perpetuation of an abrasive American insensitivity to the concessions that have already been made by the majority of Arab states vis-a-vis an honourable peace with Israel will rebound against the United States in the long run. It is only a matter of time before Arab moderation becomes a scarce commodity, and that serves the interests of nobody at all.



French unions size up the socialist government

French labour is delighted at President Francois Mitterrand's victory in the recent elections, but David A. Wise reports that there is no knowing how long the honeymoon will last.

PARIS: The night the socialists won the presidency, Mr. Jacques Chirac, a mustached Walrus-like figure, head of the CFDT union of metalworkers' branch, was seen on the television screen, looking how he felt, he let forth a cry which has since been commemorated in union posters.

Union leaders who trooped in to greet President Francois Mitterrand on May 26 were all smiles. Chirac and sweet reactions. Here, after the bitter election disappointment of 1978, was the "new style" of labour relations, the government said.

Doomsday predictions of immediate factory sit-ins were proved wrong. Even Mr. Georges Seguy, the chirpy communist leader of the CGT, France's biggest and oldest labour body, was saying he was not the man to jeopardise the government's position.

The question is, how long will this period of grace last? And how far can the government go in fulfilling labour expectations before causing a major clash with business?

In the short interim before parliamentary election later this month, the socialists are trying to show themselves both determined and prudent about reform. The

exclusion of communists from the government and the choices for such key posts as finance, external relations and the interior have been aimed at reassuring different sectors of opinion -- from foreign investors to the police force -- that by throwing out President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, France is not plunging headlong into a wild adventure.

The first test comes this month with the raising of the national minimum wage, the "smic", along with family allowances and basic pensions. The expectation is a moderate increase of about 10 per cent in the "smic", which now stands at 2,644 francs (\$480) a month. The unions have accepted that they cannot have everything at once, and the CGT has dropped its demands for immediate global negotiations like those which followed the student and labour riots of 1968.

A third of this increase would have been anyway under the price-threshold system applied to the "smic" after 1968. A 10 per cent rise would not go much further than the recommendation of a recent report commissioned on the subject by the previous government -- an annual increase of 5 per cent in real terms.

However, business is worried about subsequent increases. In addition to the 850,000 or so who earn the "smic", a higher minimum wage has potential repercussions on the pay of several million. The impact would be felt most by small companies in sectors already in difficulties.

The main unions have more claims in reserve. Both the CGT and Mr. Edmond Maire's independent left-wing CFDT want a programme of big minimum wage increases over several years. A halt to layoffs is called for in the motor

and engineering industries, and early measures demanded to solve several outstanding disputes.

The CFDT in particular is pressing for greater union branch powers. The Socialist Party manifesto itself foresees works councils being given veto rights "in certain domains."

The CGT's number two, Mr. Henri Krasucki, warned delegates from the Paris region last week: "The workers should not drop their guard." And one of his colleagues summed up the union's position vis-a-vis the new government: "Neither firemen nor fire-raisers."

The government's task is made harder by steeply rising unemployment -- 1.7 million in April, 20 per cent up in a year. There is little prospect of an improvement before the autumn, even if the government goes ahead immediately with all its plans: a law for

voluntary retirement at 60 instead of 65, progress towards a 35-hour week and a fifth week of annual holiday, and the creation of 210,000 civil service jobs.

The duration of the government's honeymoon with labour is largely in the hands of the Communist Party. The party is out to recover from the poor 15 per cent result scored by its leader, Mr. Georges Marchais, in the first round of the presidentials. It has decided it would be suicidal to be seen trying to torpedo President Mitterrand at this stage, and the CGT, largely communist-run, with both Mr. Seguy and Mr. Krasucki on the party's political bureau, has taken the same line.

Mr. Marchais himself may be in no position to put pressure on the president. But it is on the shop floor that communist influence matters. Mr. Francois Ceyrac, president of the employers' fed-

eration, the CNPF, doubts the "calm and reassuring words" from Mr. Seguy. "The serious things, we will see them after the parliamentary elections," he says.

The CGT is by far the most powerful union in an under-unionised country (less than 25 per cent hold a union card). Its communist line has cost it some support in works council elections, even in such strongholds as the Renault car works at Flins, west of Paris. But its 2.4 million members are more than those of the second and third unions put together.

The government has some links with the unions, but nothing resembling those of the British Labour Party. Mr. Mitterrand has kept in his team some people closely affiliated with the CGT.

The CFDT, with its imaginative approach to worker participation, is nearer to the camp of Mr. Michel Rocard, the moderate leader,

now planning minister. Mr. Andre Henry, head of the 500,000-strong teachers' union, the FEN, has been brooding over the governments as if free time -- but without enthusiasm from his colleague the union (which has a leftist faction) has always held itself together by political.

The election has brought magic injection of frate the trade union scene. It still at daggers drawn post-war offshoot. For riere, led by Mr. Andre an active socialist. The all keeping their distance each other. None is in erment's pocket.

From the Financial

Age-old popular mode of transport

Dubai dhows back in service with great intensity

Trading and lucrative dhow services between Dubai and other ports in the Gulf region, Pakistan and even India, have resumed with great intensity.

This age-old, popular mode of transport, which even in the midst of rapid modernisation dynamically reflects the traditional peculiarities of the area, was suspended because of the sudden war between Iraq and Iran last September. During the initial stage of the conflict, Dubai creek, known for its centuries-old link with dhow trade, was where hundreds of dhows berthed, was a sight of rare treat. Seidom would one see so many dhows in the almost crescent-shaped creek as they very often were seen cruising from port to port.

The services in fact began within weeks after the war and resumed a month or so later on full scale. Today, normality rules as much loading and unloading of merchandise as mainly for the Iranian ports can be seen at the Dubai creek.

The heavy demand for various items caused mainly by the Gulf war made Iranian goods a quick and rewarding destination. In fact, a trip from Dubai to the Iranian coast takes only 13 to 14 hours if the sea is calm and the wind reexporters in Dubai geared to exploit the vast, potential market, resulting in ever-

Dhow operator Mr. Mohammad Salih, 55, who has been plying the route between Iran and Dubai for about three decades, said, "the war has made no difference to us. Our operations for loading and unloading goes on as usual now. For some time we were asked by the authorities to avoid night journey. We did so and faced no problems."

In the midst of apparently satisfying puffs on his traditional hookah, Mr. Salih said "if we abide by what the authorities in Iran and the United Arab Emirates demand from us, there is hardly any problem in making our routine journeys." The Iranian authorities, he said, have specifically instructed operators not to take cigarettes to their country. "We heed them and thus face no problem," he said.

In a very profitable trade, operators to Iran charge more than 200 dirhams (above SR 220) as freight for a refrigerator, and some dhows easily can carry about 100 refrigerators with the other items. Therefore, unless a very serious threat is likely to interrupt journeys or cause loss of the cargoes there is no reason why these routine trips should be stopped, he said.

A wholesale trader mainly exporting to Iran said, "It is true that the dhow services were reduced during the early stage of the Iraq-Iran war. This was mainly due to reluctance of the reexporters to risk their mer-

chandise. But the situation has changed and the operation continues as usual."

Apart from the Iranian ports the dhows also operate to Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and even Indian ports right down to the Malabari coast in the southwest. According to trade circles, dhow services account for more than Dh 600 million (about SR660 million) worth of Dubai's trade annually.

Despite its simple look, a dhow with a 600-ton capacity costs about Dh 3 million, while smaller ones range from Dh 40,000 to Dh 50,000 each. While the small-sized dhows operate only to ports in the nearby Gulf region, the bigger ones frequent distant ports in Pakistan, India and at times even Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka.

Most of the Pakistani expatriates living in the UAE find dhows as not only cheap but also reliable means of transport to get cargoes delivered to Karachi or other ports. Without any bottleneck or red tape a Pakistani expatriate here has only to get to the proper shop concerned and order items which will be delivered within days to Pakistan. Thus can expatriates send items ranging from gas stoves, washing machines, refrigerators and electrical appliances, to heavy machinery and even vehicles ensuring a continued business to the dhow owners. On their way back from Pakistan

and India, items like vegetables, onions, fruits, textiles and other merchandise required in Dubai are shipped in.

All dhows operating from Dubai, are registered with Dubai Ports and Customs. They are owned and operated by enterprising individuals -- no organised firm similar to those operating ships exists for dhows.

Both locals and the expatriates, said Pakistani Mohammad Nawab who's been involved in the trade since his childhood, own one or two each while others have 10 to 15, depending on the financial strength and prosperity of their trade.

Even today these dhows are owned by local Arabs, Iranians, Pakistanis and even Indians. Most of the rich Arabs who owned fleets of dhows have now taken on shipping on a bigger scale with the increasing business opportunities in the aftermath of overall development in the area following the oil boom in the early 1970s.

The dhow owners have proud tales of achievements to relate because many who started life as labourers have risen to positions owning many vessels involving millions of dirhams. This, in fact, was made possible because of an unwritten code of law observed strictly by both the owners and dhow workers. For example, if Dh 10,000 is earned on a trip to Pakistan

and back, the profit, after all expenses including those for diesel and food, is divided between the owner and the workers into halves. Meanwhile, the workers in turn divide their half, as agreed earlier, among themselves, amassing considerable amounts within years.

Narrating his story of success one unlikely but genuine dhow owner, born into a very poor family said he started working very early as a labourer and within a few years, earned sufficient money to buy a small dhow. But the hard work, determination, and simple life-style helped him become the owner of a dhow now worth more than Dh 2 million. Early years were very discouraging he said, as the work involved was heavy and the journey, tough. But faith in God helped him overcome all these difficulties and become prosperous, he said.

Another dhow owner who spent more than 44 years of his life on the Gulf waters, said, "although born in Iran I am more a citizen of this boat. Because I spend most of my life eating, drinking, sleeping and even working, inside the boat." This is how most of the operators live away from their families for long periods.

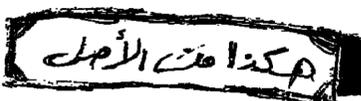
Speaking of the margin of profit, one longstanding Dubai Arab dhow owner said, "the peak period was before the est-

ablishment of modern ports in th Those days, he said, "everyone d on dhow services as modern vess not in a position to enter the area adequate facilities in the ports." T ome, he said, began to diminish appearance of modern ports. B today there is no reason to grumb ronic played by dhows still continu dynamic, he emphasised.

Speaking of their experiences owners said, "the journey has its as we have to face, all of a sudden seas due to rough weather. But gstanding experience helps us to an nearby place to avoid any poten aster." The long association with the helped the dhow operators judg danger is near and take immediat sures to guard against any natural

Side by side with the cargo dh hundreds of passenger boats, each from 20 to 25 people, moving across Bur Dubai, the two busiest centres in Dubai, from the wee h morning until midnight. These s mechanical boats, costing Dh 45,000 to Dh 50,000, are owned by nationals but rented out to licen rators at the rate of Dh 60 to Dh 80

(Saudi Business)



Assad: we'll drop Soviet aid if U.S. won't help Israel

BONN, June 8 (R)—Syrian President Hafez Al Assad was quoted by a West German magazine today as saying Damascus would forego Soviet arms supplies if the United States stopped arming Israel.

He told the weekly Stern he made the proposal to U.S. Special Envoy Philip Habib, who spent most of last month shuttling between Middle East capitals in an

effort to mediate in the Syrian-Israeli missile dispute.

"If America halts its support for Israel, we are ready to renounce Soviet aid," he said.

Mr. Assad, who made clear he was not proposing a demilitarised zone, said the scheme would bring closer the goal of discussing Arab-Israeli problems without U.S. or Soviet involvement.

But Mr. Habib did not respond

to the idea, perhaps because he did not take it seriously, Mr. Assad said. "The suggestion could also have been a size too large for him, so that he didn't dare to discuss it."

The Syrian president told Stern that U.S. military aid to Israel was greater now than before the start of the Camp David peace process,

and this was encouraging Israel to pursue an aggressive course.

Asked under what terms Syria would withdraw its Soviet-made, surface-to-air missiles from Lebanon, Mr. Assad said there would be no further grounds for deploying them "if Israel halts its aggression there."

Follow-up to summit Gulf ministers meet in Riyadh

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, June 8 (A.P.)—Finance and economy ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) met here today to devise a collective cooperation pact and abolish bilateral agreements.

The meeting was chaired by the Saudi Arabian Finance and Economy Minister, Mohammad Abal Khalil, with his counterparts from Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman attending.

The six ministers were to implement a decision by the GCC summit conference, held in Abu Dhabi May 25, to boost economic cooperation and ensure stability in the oil-rich region.

Also attending the Riyadh meeting was the GCC Secretary General, Abdullah Bishara of Kuwait.

Conference sources said the projected pact will abolish all trade and customs barriers between the six countries and encourage private capital into investment projects, as part of an economic integration plan.

"The conference and the planned collective agreement will mark a transition from individual to group efforts toward economic cooperation between the GCC member states," Mr. Bishara told the official Saudi Press Agency. "Coordination between the six will cover transport, communications, transit trade and manpower migration."

Mr. Bishara said that a number of committees will be formed to lay down the bases for collective action in the various fields of economic cooperation.

These committees, he said, will supervise the implementation of the cooperation pact.

The meeting will merely prepare a blueprint, and the cooperation accord will have to be endorsed by the GCC ministerial council—of the six countries' foreign ministers—which is scheduled to meet here in August, he said.

"We are only starting (Gulf cooperation) and we need time to firm up collective action planes in different domains," Mr. Bishara told.

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Egyptian officials visit Paris

CAIRO, June 8 (R)—Egypt's Defence Minister Gen. Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala will go to Paris tomorrow for a week of talks on buying the new French Mirage-2000 fighter aircraft, Mayo weekly newspaper said today. The weekly, organ of President Anwar Sadat's ruling National Democratic Party (NDP), quoted Gen. Abu Ghazala as saying that he would meet French officials to discuss long-term credit facilities to enable Egypt to buy the plane, which will be produced in 1984. Gen. Abu Ghazala would travel on to Vienna to conclude a tanks deal with the Austrian government, it said. Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak is also due to go to Paris this week and will meet President Francois Mitterrand on Friday.

Klaauw arrives in Qatar

DOHA, Qatar, June 8 (A.P.)—Dutch Foreign Minister Christopher van der Klaauw arrived from Bahrain today on the third leg of a five-nation Gulf tour to explore ways of resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict. Mr. Klaauw is also chairman of the European Economic Community ministerial council, and sources here said he was propounding an EEC initiative for a comprehensive Arab-Israeli settlement. His tour has taken him to Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and he was to proceed to the United Arab Emirates and the Sultanate of Oman.

Man offers kidney to support family

ISTANBUL, Turkey, June 8 (A.P.)—A 48-year-old father of five has put his kidney on sale to support his family, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. It said Mr. Emin Memis, employed as an ambulance driver in the municipality of Bursa, 300 kilometres south of here, needed the money for his family and to build a small house. The agency quoted Mr. Memis as saying so far he had received no response to his offer. It did not say what price Mr. Memis was seeking.

Gen. Shazli's property sequestered in Egypt

CAIRO, June 8 (R)—The semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram said today the prosecutor-general had sequestered the property of former armed forces Chief of Staff Gen. Saad Eddin Shazli and 18 others now living abroad for trying to overthrow the government of President Anwar Sadat by force.

The newspaper said all 19 formed an "Egyptian Nationalist Front" for subversive actions and its leader, Gen. Shazli, was given an office in Beirut in the headquarters of the pro-Syrian Palestinian Saiga organisation after

meeting Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat.

It said the front had established offices in Algeria, Syria and Libya and was buying arms for use against the government in Egypt.

Most Arab countries have had no relations with Egypt since it signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

The case has been referred to the state security prosecution for further investigations, the newspaper said.

U.S. to supply reactors to Egypt

CAIRO, June 8 (A.P.)—The United States will supply Egypt with two 1,000-megawatt nuclear power stations and enough enriched uranium to operate them, according to an agreement which has been signed here.

Mr. Ahmad Fahmy Abdel Sattar, head of the Egyptian authority of nuclear power stations signed for Egypt and Mr. Allan Wendt, the economic and commercial attache at the American embassy in Cairo, signed for the United States.

The agreement which was initiated last March, also provides for training Egyptian technicians

in the United States, according to the Middle East News Agency.

The agency quoted Energy Minister Mr. Maher Abaza following the signing ceremony as saying that the agreement is part of an enlarged Egyptian programme for establishing eight similar plants that would meet 40 per cent of Egypt demand in the year 2000. Oil and gas would cover the rest.

Egypt and France have signed a similar agreement, also providing Egypt with two 1,000 megawatt reactors. The four plants would be built in areas far from population centres.

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ECONOMY

On the eve of European tour

Suzuki warns against 'curtailment of trade'

TOKYO, June 8 (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said today it would be a "suicidal act" for industrial democracies to adopt protectionism.

Mr. Suzuki leaves tomorrow on a six-nation West European tour at a time when Japan is facing strong pressure from the European Common Market (EEC) to cut back its exports, especially of cars, to the community.

Mr. Suzuki, the first Japanese prime minister to make an official visit to Europe for eight years, meets West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in Hamburg on Wednesday.

Qatari oil contracts renewed

BAHRAIN, June 8 (R) — Oil contracts between Qatar and three Japanese companies which expired last March have been renewed for another 12 month period but at reduced volumes, the well-informed Middle East Economic Survey (MEEES) said.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Iraq cuts pipeline tariff on Mediterranean oil exports

BAHRAIN, June 8 (R) — Iraq has cut its pipeline tariff on Mediterranean oil exports by 57 U.S. cents a barrel, meaning an equivalent reduction in the official price for crude deliveries at east Mediterranean ports, the Middle East Economic Survey said today.

Tanzanian officials say the rationing will be extended to the rest of the country. Tanzania is still spending nearly 60 per cent of its foreign exchange earnings on imported oil despite increased use of hydro-electric power.

U.K. civil servants intensify disruptive action

LONDON, June 8 (R) — Britain's half million civil servants intensified disruptive action today because of a deadlocked pay dispute.

Civil servants in many government computer centres and welfare benefit offices staged walkouts, marches and rallies in London and other cities following the collapse last Friday of talks with Cabinet Minister Lord Soames.

The 13-week-old dispute, which has disrupted airports, defence bases, customs and tax offices, is over a 15 per cent claim. The government has refused to go higher than seven per cent because of its anti-inflation policy.

Tanzania rations petrol

DAR ES SALAAM, June 8 (R) — Dar es Salaam residents today began purchasing fuel with ration cards issued in an attempt to cut down Tanzania's heavy dependence on imported oil.

Gold price soars in nervous market after Israeli attack

LONDON, June 8 (R) — The price of gold jumped sharply last night after Israel announced that it had attacked and destroyed an Iranian nuclear reactor, dealers said.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

Table with columns for currency types (One sterling, One U.S. dollar, One ounce of gold) and exchange rates for various currencies including U.S. dollar, Canadian dollar, West German mark, etc.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, June 8 (R) — Gold shares were rallying towards a close of official dealings as the bullion price was being negotiated at \$476 at one stage during the afternoon fix compared with the morning fix of \$460 following news that Israeli planes destroyed Iraqi nuclear reactor near Baghdad yesterday, dealers said.

Chemical industry threatened by economic chills

By Peter Miller

LONDON — We wear them, eat them, grow our food with them and wrap it up in them, but still demand for the products of the chemical industry is not high enough to protect it from economic chills.

Manufacturing firms, regarded as a spirit level of the economy, announced a loss in the second half of the year, and cut its dividend to shareholders for the first time in 40 years.

European firms blamed much of their problems on undercutting by U.S. firms, supplied with natural gas at an officially controlled maximum rate. In Britain ICI also blamed the strength of sterling for harming its exports.

Meanwhile, the new plants of Saudi Arabia could be coming on stream within as little as six or seven years producing bulk chemicals from vast cheap reserves of oil and natural gas.

Irrespective of the extra expenditure. However, the first three months of 1981 have given the Europeans at least some cause to hope for relief.

In the U.S. the rising value of the dollar has made things more difficult for the big chemical exporters.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

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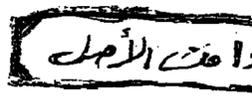
Table listing arrival and departure times for Amman Airport, including airlines and flight numbers.

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Table listing local exchange rates and useful telephone numbers, including Saudi riyal, Lebanese pound, and various emergency services.

Table listing market prices for various commodities, including tomatoes, eggplants, potatoes, and various fruits and vegetables.



SPORTS NEWS BRIEFS

Asia hoping for stronger athletics team

TOKYO, June 8 (R) — Asia are expected to make a stronger challenge in the World Athletics Cup in Rome from September 4-6 than they did two years ago.

Paraguay's chances fade

ASUNCION, June 8 (R) — Chile beat Paraguay 1-0 here yesterday in a South American group three qualifying match for the 1982 World Soccer Cup.

Women's soccer tournament

HONG KONG, June 8 (A.P.) — India trounced Singapore 5-0 and Thailand defeated the Indonesian Buzana Putri team 3-0 today in the second day of the fourth Asian Cup women's football tournament.

Welch F.A. cup stolen

SWANSEA, Wales, June 8 (A.P.) — The Welsh Football Association Cup was stolen by thieves who raided the offices of Swansea City Soccer Club last night.

Sussex tops the Sunday league

LONDON, June 8 (R) — Gahan Mendis and Imran Khan steered unbeaten Sussex to a four-point lead in the English Sunday Cricket League yesterday.

U.S. baseball roundup

NEW YORK, June 8 (A.P.) — Pete Rose drove in two runs with a single and a sacrifice fly, zeroing in on the all-time National League hit record.

Rose batted in one of three fifth-inning Philadelphia runs with a single that left him four hits behind Stan Musial's NL career record of 3,630.

Reliever Sparky Lyle, 5-1, who replaced starter Nino Espinosa after four innings, got credit for the victory.

Elsewhere in the National League, Dusty Baker slugged a two-run homer and a double to back the six-hit pitching of Bob Welch as the Los Angeles Dodgers snapped a four-game losing streak with a 7-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Gene Richards crashed a three-run homer and drove in another run with a single as the San Diego Padres downed the St. Louis Cardinals 5-1 behind Chris Welsh's eight-hitter.

Right-hander Bruce Bereny tossed a one-hitter and allowed just two base runners in pitching the Cincinnati Reds to a 2-0 victory over the Montreal Expos.

Bill Madlock cracked a solo home run in the sixth inning to lift the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 3-2 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

In the American League, three Yankee pitchers combined on a six-hitter and Aurelio Rodriguez drew a bases-loaded walk in the fourth inning to snap a 1-1 tie as New York edged the Chicago White Sox 3-1 and posted their seventh straight victory.

Milt Wilcox fired a five-hitter and Tom Brookens had a pair of hits and scored the first run in Detroit's three-run seventh inning as the Tigers defeated the Minnesota Twins 3-0.

Lee May and John Wathan drove in two runs a piece and George Brett paced a nine-hit Kansas City attack with three singles, lifting the Royals to a 7-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

John Lowenstein and Eddie Murray cracked solo homers to back the six-hit pitching of Dennis Martinez and power the Baltimore Orioles to a 4-1 triumph over the California Angels.

Tom Paciorek lined a one-out, run-scoring single in the bottom of the 11th inning, pacing the Seattle Mariners to a 5-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

The Oakland A's, who stayed alive on Tony Armas' two-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning, edged the Boston Red Sox 4-3 as Dwayne Murphy smashed a game-winning, one-out homer in the 11th inning.

In National League night action, Mike Scott and Neil Allen combined on a six-hitter and Scott knocked in a run with a seventh-inning sacrifice fly as the New York Mets beat the Houston Astros 3-1 and handed Bob Knepper his first defeat of the season after five victories.

In the American League Danny Darwin fired a four-hitter, Buddy Bell blasted a grand slam home run and Al Oliver cracked four hits, including a club record three doubles, as the Texas Rangers bombed the Toronto Blue Jays 9-0.

Olympic flop beats the cream at Gateshead

GATESHEAD, England, June 8 (R) — Barry Smith, a 28-year-old local runner, upset the cream of international middle distance running to win the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) golden 5,000 metres event yesterday.

Smith, ninth in the Olympic semifinal last year, went to the front with three laps remaining.

American Bill McChesney passed him briefly 200 metres out, but Smith turned on his power to win going away.

McChesney lost out for second place to Tolossa Kotu of Ethiopia, who clocked 13:23.95. The American was timed in 13:24.66.

The race was part of a four-nation international between Ethiopia, Italy, England and Scotland in which England won the middle distance events and Italy the sprints, hurdles and relays section of the competition.

Smith, who moved to Gateshead from London four years ago, "I have had a lot of wasted years in athletics, which has been my own fault," he added.

His next big outing is likely to be the golden 10,000 metres in Prague on June 19, to which he was invited.

Three more Englishmen, Nick Rose, Julian Goater and Geoff Smith, were fourth, fifth and sixth.

"This was the greatest win of my career. I only wish I could have run like this in the Olympics," said Smith, who moved to Gateshead from London four years ago.

who dominated the early stages. Goater then split the field with a surge after 3,000 metres.

Mamede dropped out but Mohammed Kadir, the Olympic 10,000 metres bronze medallist, was lurking menacingly.

But when Smith made his bid three laps out, only Kotu and McChesney were left to challenge him.

In other events, Steve Ovett of Britain overcame a cold to take the mile in 3:57.92 while fellow-British star Sebastian Coe dropped out of the 800 metres event because of injury, but anchored England to victory in the 4x400 metres.

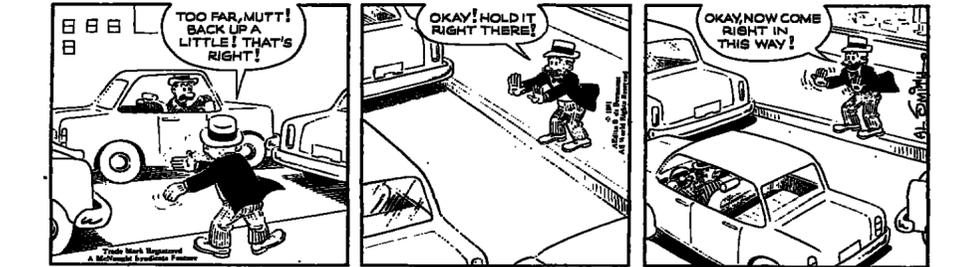
Peanuts



Andy Capp



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Legends' tennis final

Rosewall wins the singles

TORONTO, June 8 (A.P.) — Rod Laver suffered a strained muscle in his left arm midway through the first set and lost 12 of the final 14 games.

Rosewall, 46, who picked up the \$10,000 singles prize, took advantage of Laver's injury.

Despite his sore left arm, Laver, 42, was able to participate in an all-Australian doubles final afterwards as he combined with Rosewall to defeat Owen Davidson and Roy Emerson 7-6, 7-6.

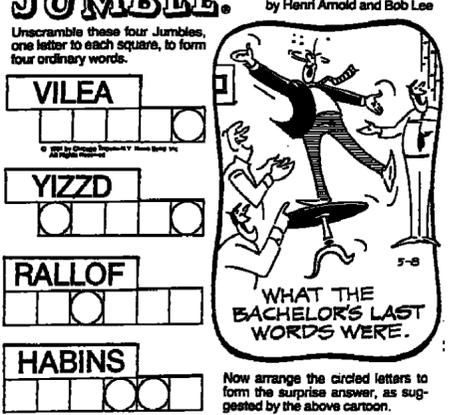
Rosewall's double victory pushed him into sole possession of second place in the legends' point standings.

Laver picked up 70 points to stay in first with 245.

THE BETTER HALF By Vinson



JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee



Print answer here: "O O O O, O O O O" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: MANGY ORBIT CORPSE FELLOW Answer: What a kid said when asked why he hadn't washed behind his ears — "CLEAN" FORGOT

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1981

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to delve into confidential matters and to take advantage of opportunities. Get in touch with higher-ups and get the support you need. Don't keep your talents a secret.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make sure you keep an agreement you've made with associates. Come to a better meeting of minds with loved one.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't turn a deaf ear to suggestions of allies or you could lose out on an important deal. Strive for increased happiness.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You can accomplish your goals by going to the right sources for the data you need. Formulate a better plan with co-workers.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Once you have handled pressing duties, you can go out for the recreation you enjoy. Show more loyalty to family members.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You have to be most careful in handling monetary affairs today to gain your aims. Show others you are a considerate person.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Your routines will improve if you first come to a better understanding with associates. Contact advisers who are helpful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You can handle monetary affairs well which will give you more abundance in the future. Try to improve your surroundings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Handle personal affairs wisely in the morning. Later join a group affair and express your magnetic qualities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) More thinking and less acting today can bring your greater success in the future. Take needed exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Social affairs are good to attend at this time so you can relax, converse with people and enjoy life better.

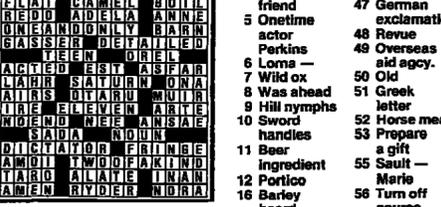
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Become more active in civic matters and gain more prestige. A higher-up can give you the answer to a problem you have.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make plans now for a trip you want to make in the future. You can express your talents well in a new activity.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have a strong willpower that will be a factor in accomplishing goals. Be sure to give the right ethical training, or your progeny could easily take the wrong direction in life. Sports are a fine outlet here. "The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword by Emory H. Cain

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN 1981 by Chicago Tribune Q.—I have read your bridge column for some time and find that you seldom use "conventional" bids. In particular, I refer to Gerber or Blackwood. Do you feel these bids are unnecessary or confusing, or is there some other reason why you don't use them? —Leroy Hinshaw, Kokomo, Ind. (This question has been awarded the weekly prize.) A.—Blackwood and Gerber are both ace-asking conventions. We do employ both, and if you want proof, just look back on this week's columns where there is a hand featuring the Blackwood Convention. However, we do feel that these conventions are overused. Easily Blackwood himself says that if he had a penny for every time his convention was misused, he could be a millionaire many times over. Let us first discuss Gerber. In keeping with the vast majority of players and almost a unanimity of experts, we use four clubs to ask for aces only directly over a no trump bid by partner. Gerber is useful in this case because the sequence 1NT-4NT is a quantitative raise, asking partner to go on a slam if he is maximum and so allowing him the option of showing suits at the five-level he wishes to probe for a 4-4 fit. Given this structure, the number of occasions on which Gerber is used is very limited indeed. When was the last time you bid a slam over partner's no trump opening bid, stopping off only to check for aces en route? Blackwood is another matter. Here we feel the problem is that the convention is used far too often by most players, for many hands are not suited to the convention. In some ways, Blackwood is better for staying out of a slam where you are off two aces than for bidding slams. Before you launch into Blackwood, there are certain stringent conditions that your hand must meet. First, it should be used only on hands where all you need to know is how many aces and kings partner has to decide on how high you want to go. Secondly, never use the Blackwood Convention on hands where you have a void. In this case it won't help you to know how many aces partner has; you need to know which aces. Assume you bid four no trump and find out that your side's combined holding is three aces. If one of partner's aces is opposite your void suit, you have a quick loser in some other suit. However, if that is not the case, you might have no losers at all in a trump contract. Thirdly, avoid using Blackwood when you have a weak holding in one suit; i.e., a suit in which you hold two or more cards not headed by the ace or king. Asking for aces may not help you in this instance because if you find that you are missing an ace, you won't know what to do; you might have two fast losers in that suit. That type of hand, again, is more suited to cue-bidding than Blackwood. So it is not that we have something against conventions. It's just that we wait for the right hand to come along before we use any particular convention. Conventions are valuable for handling the specific circumstances for which they were designed, but they can be a liability if used indiscriminately.

WORLD

As Catholic bishop calls for end to fasting

IRA adds one more to list of hunger-strikers at Maze

BELFAST, June 8 (A.P.)—A guerrilla who lost an eye in IRA bombing refused breakfast today and became the fifth Irish nationalist hunger-striker, authorities said, as the IRA stepped up its pressure campaign against the British.

Britain's Northern Ireland Office, which administers the province, confirmed that Thomas McIlwee, 23, serving a life term for manslaughter, joined the fast at the Maze prison.

Four hunger-strikers died last month in the IRA's attempt to force the British government into granting what amounts to political status to jailed nationalist guerrillas. The government refuses.

One guerrilla ended his fast because of a bleeding ulcer, but four others were named to replace those who died.

McIlwee joined the fast in what the IRA said was an attempt to intensify pressure on the government by providing no respite from the international publicity generated by hunger-strike deaths.

"We understand one prisoner will be going on hunger-strike every so often from now on," said Richard McAuley of Sinn Fein, political front of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, which is entirely Roman Catholic and is fighting to drive the British out of the province and reunite partitioned Ireland.

"The men do not want to give the British army any respite," said Mr. McAuley.

Meanwhile, a police spokesman said two men were being questioned by detectives after a major arms find in the Protestant Shankhill Road area of Belfast.

Masonic scandal in Italy causes irregular pulses?

ROME, June 8 (A.P.)—A leading figure in Italy's Masonic lodge scandal, former Foreign Trade Minister Gaetano Stamatii, was under treatment in a Milan hospital today but doctors denied published reports he had attempted suicide.

The 73-year-old Stamatii, whose name appeared on a list of alleged members of the Propaganda-Due, or P-2 Lodge, was brought to Niguarda Hospital by his two children Saturday afternoon and was registered under the name of his son-in-law, officials said.

Italian newspapers speculated that Mr. Stamatii might have taken an overdose of barbiturates but attending physicians said today he was under treatment for an irregular heart beat.

Mr. Stamatii, a Christian Democrat senator, was questioned 10 days ago by two magistrates who are investigating the lodge as a possible criminal association. The magistrate went to the hospital around midnight last night and ordered medical tests on Mr. Stamatii to determine the cause of his illness.

In a raid on a bar, police uncovered a sten-gun, two rifles, a revolver, five ammunition magazines, a box of shotgun cartridges, three rifle-cleaning kits, a shoulder holster and a number of assorted rounds of ammunition.

The announcement of McIlwee's addition to the campaign came also from the Belfast republican centre, spokesman for the Provisional Sinn Fein, political wing of the Provisional IRA, and for the Maze prisoners.

It said in a statement that McIlwee is serving two concurrent sentences of 20 years and life for 19 charges ranging from manslaughter to arms offences.

He was captured with three others, including his girlfriend, Dolores O'Neill, after a premature bomb explosion in the car in which they were riding in Ballymena, County Antrim, 32 kilometres northwest of Belfast. A woman bystander was killed in the explosion.

The statement from the Republican Press Centre said McIlwee lost an eye, a comrade Sean McPeake lost a leg and another lost several toes.

McIlwee was sentenced after a three-week trial in 1977. His brother Benedict is serving a 10-year sentence in the Maze and Dolores O'Neill is serving life term in Armagh women's prison, the statement said.

Three former aides to Mr. Stamatii have been formally placed under investigation for allegedly leaking a secret document that triggered a 1979 scandal over pay-offs by the Italian state energy group to obtain a contract from Saudi Arabia. The document was found in the home of the lodge's grand master, Licio Gelli, who is a fugitive charged with political espionage.

Last Friday a lieutenant in Italy's finance police, who was also questioned in the P-2 affair, shot himself to death in his Rome office.

Meanwhile, three special investigators named by caretaker Premier Arnaldo Forlani questioned during the weekend retired Gen. Enio Battelli, head of Italy's principal Masonic lodge, Grande Oriente and two of his predecessors. The Grande Oriente says the P-2 lodge has been placed under "indefinite suspension" and that proceedings are under way to expel Mr. Gelli from the Masons.

Mr. Forlani's coalition government was forced to resign on May 26 because three cabinet ministers were linked to P-2.

Bishop's appeal
The news of McIlwee going on hungerstrike came after the Roman Catholic bishop of Derry called on the hunger-strikers to end their fast and appealed to the British government to "think again" in its opposition to their demands.

More than 5,000 people attended an interdenominational rally in the grounds of Downpatrick Anglican Cathedral to pray for peace.

Bishop Edward Daly said: "We find ourselves staggering from one crisis to another. As a community we are punch-drunk, continuing from day to day with little control over what happens next and largely surviving on instinct and hoping that better days lie ahead."

The Pravda expresses deep alarm over U.S. neutron production

MOSCOW, June 8 (A.P.)—The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda expressed "deep alarm" today over reported American production of neutron bomb components, denouncing neutron weapons as "the poisonous fruit of the man-hating aspirations of the Pentagon."

The Pravda commentary followed reports from Washington that the U.S. Department of Energy, under orders from Congress, has begun manufacturing components and allocating resources for a neutron weapon. The reports said the U.S. administration is still deciding whether to complete assembly of the weapons, which can kill people while causing only minimal damage to property.

Noting comments earlier this year by Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who said the deployment of neutron weapons would come only after consultations with America's NATO allies, Pravda said the latest reports on component production show that "the calming assurances from Washington were and are a kind of anesthetic designed to weaken the vigilance of nations."

"The reports of the start of production across the ocean of neutron bombs adds to the extremely gloomy picture of the aggressive plans of the U.S. militaristic circles," Pravda commentator Gennady Vasiliev said.

"These evil plans cannot but evoke deep alarm among those who cherish peace."

Brutal killings disrupt calm English countryside

LONDON, June 8 (A.P.)—British police were investigating three brutal killings today—the rape and murder of a 14-year-old schoolgirl in Hampshire and the shotgun slaying of a wealthy middle-aged couple near Chichester.

Scores of detectives were interviewing 1,000 soliders in the garrison town of Farnborough in a search for clues to the murder of schoolgirl Marion Crofts, who was attacked Saturday morning as she cycled to a local school for orchestra practice.

Her half-nude body was found by police in bushes alongside the Basingstoke canal after her family raised the alarm when she failed to return home. Her clarinet was found nearby.

Police said she died after being struck repeatedly with a blunt weapon.

"The spot where Marion was murdered is a favourite haunt for joggers and for soldiers on training exercises, so we are hoping one of them might be able to help us," said Detective Chief Supt. Harry Pilbeam of Hampshire police.

Detectives and police frogmen scoured the area, about 50 kilometres southwest of London, for clues. Marion was one of the five children.

Supt. Pilbeam said he could not advise parents to keep their children at home to prevent such attacks.

"How can you keep a daughter in all day long? This vicious murder took place on a Saturday morning in June when you would have thought that anyone would be safe."

The other murder scene was in the Sussex village of Oving, near Chichester, 80 kilometres south of London, where a couple tentatively identified as retired Royal Navy Lt. Commander Gilbert Alder, 57, and his wife Anne, were slain apparently disturbing burglars.

The couple's son, Andrew, 21, a university student, was helping with positive identification, police said.

One senior officer described the scene at the family home, Oving Lodge, as "one of the most horrific I have seen."

Police were called to the house when the gardener, upon his arrival, noticed signs of a break-in.

Mrs. Alder was found in bed and her husband's body was on an upstairs landing.

"It is quite clear the couple were shot when they disturbed a burglar or burglars," said Inspector Frank Hooper. Silverware and other valuables were found collected on the living room floor.

NEW DELHI, June 8 (A.P.)—An Indian official said today that more than 400 people were missing after Saturday's train disaster in eastern Bihar State when a train toppled into a rain-swollen river.

"The train had a capacity of carrying 500 passengers and only 83 were rescued," railways spokesman S.G. Purohit told a reporter in New Delhi. "The coaches were fully used and some people were travelling on the roofs."

Railways Minister Kedar Pandey had earlier said many were riding the coach roofs and that hundreds drowned. The minister's spokesman said Mr. Pandey was not thinking of resigning to take moral responsibility.

He said four marriages parties were inside the train when a powerful gale hit it, sending it crashing over a bridge into the Bagmati River near Mansi, 400 kilometres northwest of Calcutta.

The news agency also quoted several injured survivors interviewed in a hospital as saying that a cow was standing on the bridge and the train driver applied the brakes to save the animal, causing derailment. The survivors, who were not named, said also a dust storm was sweeping the area. Official statements mentioned no cow.

400 missing in train wreck: did a wayside cow cause it?

TOKYO, June 8 (Agencies)—Radical leftists using a homemade flamethrower sending flames 20 metres tried to burn down a government building in central Tokyo today, police said.

The flamethrower, composed of five big propane bottles attached to a timer, was in the back of a truck left parked by radicals protesting against the arrival of the U.S. aircraft carrier Midway in Japan last week.

It broke windows and badly scorched the outside of a 10-storey building housing government offices. No injuries were reported.

Police said several newspapers received phone calls from a man claiming to belong to the *Chūkakuha* (middle-core faction) who said the attack was to protest the return of the Midway Friday and the expansion of Tokyo's Narita International Airport.

Flames leaped to the 8th floor of the building housing the transportation ministry and the construction ministry, breaking windows, knocking off tiles and scorching the outside wall, police said.

An anti-midway banner was found near the truck, the mass-circulation *Asahi* Shimbun said.

On Thursday, about 245 members of the radical sect—known for its violent demonstrations against construction of Narita airport—marched through the streets of Yokosuka, 35 miles (56kms) south of Tokyo, demanding that the 51,000-ton carrier be turned away because of allegations that American warships routinely carry nuclear weapons into Japanese waters in violation of government policy.

Some 24,000 Unionists and Socialist Party members held a non-violent rally Saturday here demanding that the Japan-U.S. security treaty be scrapped and the country's non-nuclear principles be honoured.

Protest against Midway turns violent in Tokyo

ISLAMABAD, June 8 (Agencies)—Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao offered today to bury past differences between India and Pakistan and proposed building a new relationship based on friendship and co-operation.

The Indian minister, making his first visit to Pakistan, arrives at a time when relations between the two neighbours are at a fresh level of suspicion as a result of Pakistan's decision to modernise its armed forces with American help.

Mr. Rao said on his arrival at Islamabad airport that the Indian government was committed to respecting Pakistan's national unity, territorial integrity, political independence and sovereign equality.

The Pakistan government, worried by what it considers an increasingly hostile Indian government under Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, sees Mr. Rao's visit as an important opportunity to explain its case and avert misunderstanding.

The Indian government is apparently concerned that a U.S. arms deal with Pakistan would lead to a military buildup in the region and increase great power rivalry.

Referring indirectly to this, Mr. Rao said India welcomed Pakistan's recent admission to the Non-aligned Movement and that non-alignment was the only guarantee for Pakistani independence.

Mr. Rao said Mrs. Gandhi's government was not insensitive to Pakistan's concerns and it believed Pakistan's stability and strength contributed to the well-being of the region.

He said that because of the shared traditions of the two countries co-operation between them made good sense.

"In the last 30 years we have had a chequered relationship, now cordial, now strained—a mixed phenomenon of complexes, affinities and doubts."

"This could now be consigned to the past, if we so wish. India wishes it sincerely. Let us give ourselves a chance," he said.

"Pakistan and India should bury their past, which was mixed with cordiality and strain, and have a more munificent vision for the future."

Mr. Rao was greeted at the airport by his Pakistani counterpart, Mr. Agha Shahi, whose 1980 visit to New Delhi the Indian leader is returning.

Talks are expected to continue tonight at a dinner in his honour and tomorrow during a sightseeing tour. He meets Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, tomorrow.

Salvador running out of coffins

SAN SALVADOR, June 8 (A.P.)—Military officials have ordered sharp clashes in the army's effort to root out guerrilla bases on the slopes of an extinct volcano, and cartakers in the nearby town of San Vincente said they had run out of coffins. The military launched its operation Thursday on an estimated 800 guerrillas on the Chibontepet Volcano, 120 kilometres east of San Salvador, calling it the most important action in weeks. About 1,500 troops backed by field artillery planes climbed the mountain, little information has been available since the second day of the action, when the army said only complete information would be available "when the operation completed." The army said more than 100 people, almost all guerrillas, were killed in the first two days of the operation. Guerrillas of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front, trying to topple the civilian-military junta that came to power in October 1979 that removed the conservative government of Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero. About 22,000 people have been slain since then. Most of the deaths resulted from right-wing paramilitary groups and left-wing extremists.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEF

Peking daily reports Vietnamese attack

TOKYO, June 8 (R)—U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said today about 60 countries are likely to attend a sponsored conference on Kampuchea next month, foreign ministry sources said. They said Dr. Waldheim, who arrived yesterday on a four-day visit, told Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki the date would be known later this month. Vietnam and the Hanoi-backed Heng Samrin administration in Phnom Penh are opposed to the conference, to be held in New York on July 13. The U.N. General Assembly agreed to sponsor the meeting in last year and Waldheim said he was canvassing member countries to see who would take part, the sources said.

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CIA's policy of 'finding, squeezing, using and dumping'

By Roy Gutman

WASHINGTON: Accounts by two Romanian diplomatic defectors have raised new questions about how the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) handles highly sensitive but potentially valuable sources of information.

Nicola Traian, 32, and Nicolae Horodincea, 35, described the procedures in a recent interview with Reuters during which they also accused the CIA's resettlement division of reneging on promises made by the agency's debriefing division.

The CIA has declined to comment on their allegations.

The two men said the agency had surprisingly chosen to interview them in English, which they speak with some difficulty, rather than in their native language.

Mr. Traian, who said he had been Romanian intelligence station chief in Islamabad, and Mr. Horodincea, who had been third secretary at the embassy in Washington, sought out a reporter after officials threatened last month to evict them from flats provided by the CIA.

Both men are still learning new professions and have not yet found work.

Their defections followed that of the Romanian intelligence chief, Lt. Gen. Ion Paopa.

Both acknowledged this might have diminished the value of their testimony, making it no more than an expansion and confirmation of information already available to the CIA.

But they asserted this did not justify what they considered insensitive and harsh treatment by agency officials.

Mr. Traian, who defected in late 1979, travelled a long route from Islamabad to a Virginia suburb of Washington, where he has just taken examinations for his real estate salesman's licence.

He said he decided to seek political asylum in part because of the upheaval that followed the defection of Gen. Paopa.

Having settled into a post in Tokyo and learned basic Japanese, he found himself suddenly transferred to Pakistan for what his superior said would be his "last chance."

Mr. Traian called on a diplomat at the U.S. embassy and was referred to another embassy official, who he later learned was a CIA officer.

Mr. Traian had to wait for some months while his credentials were checked and arrangements made for his escape together with his wife and two young children.

A mob meanwhile set fire to the U.S. embassy in Islamabad in November of 1979, leading to an evacuation of personnel.

Late in December Mr. Traian and his family flew to Saudi Arabia in the U.S. ambassador's private plane.

There they were transferred to a U.S. Air Force plane for a flight to West Germany, and then a further flight to Dover, Delaware. CIA Director Stansfield Turner sent his private jet to the air force base to pick them up.

Mr. Traian said he had received a warm welcome in Washington from intelligence officials who congratulated him on his decision.

Then came what he described as the first let-down.

It was Christmas and the CIA officials disappeared for five days, leaving him and his family alone with \$10 in cash.

Mr. Horodincea's story was outwardly less dramatic.

He said he was to be transferred to Bucharest despite his pleas to remain in Washington, he drove into Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on Feb 24, 1980, and asked for asylum.

He said his wife went to Dulles airport and was about to board a Europe-bound plane with their son when she collapsed. She stayed in Washington a year and returned home in February.

Although he said he had no access to secret documents and as third secretary was responsible for congressional relations, Mr. Horodincea has been denounced at home as a traitor in a press campaign and was sentenced to death *in absentia*.

The debriefings took place in quarters rented by the CIA. Mr. Traian's lasted until May, 1980. Mr. Horodincea's were somewhat shorter but in addition to the CIA he had to submit to interrogation by Federal Bureau of Investigation officials.

Even after the official debriefings ended, Mr. Horodincea said he continued to meet CIA and FBI officials for several months and had to answer their questions in the presence of his wife.

Both men started feuding with the CIA after they met each other by coincidence in October, 1980, and started comparing notes. From then on, both refused to submit to further debriefings and

hired lawyers.

The defectors expressed astonishment that their debriefings were conducted in English.

"You couldn't use specific language," Mr. Horodincea said.

They expressed annoyance that the CIA insisted they adopt new names and give up their passports and birth certificates.

The CIA told congressional aides who interceded on their behalf and later talked with Reuters that Romania had a record second only to that of Bulgaria and Libya of striking at its defectors if it could catch them.

But both men disputed this. "They told my lawyer the Romanians are the worst in the field," Mr. Traian said. "In truth they have never been involved in such problems."

"Romanians are not Libyans," Mr. Horodincea said. "They are angry with me and they have this right. But they are people with the fear of God. They would not try to damage a relationship with this country which was built over centuries."

